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TO AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FLIGHT/LANDING CLEARANCES FOR AOPA
FLIGHTS

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1. AOPA (AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSOCIATION) HAS
ASKED DEPT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING TWO FLIGHT
CLEARANCES. BOTH REQUESTS WERE SENT SEPT 28. AOPA,
BESIDES PROFESSIONAL/SOCIAL FUNCTION, ACTS AS SCHEDULING/
PLANNING AGENCY FOR ITS MEMBERS. RESPONSE FROM CIVIL
AERONAUTICS IN MAPUTO WAS THAT APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

2. FLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM II, U.S. REGISTRY N-5102

--PILOT AMCIT T. MAY PLUS TWO AMCIT CREW

--OVERFLIGHT ONLY, OCTOBER 20 NAIROBI TO GABORONE,
OCTOBER 21 GABORONE TO NAIROBI

--PURPOSE: TRANSPORT 6 AMCIT BUSINESS PASSENGERS TO
GABORONE

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--GRUMMAN AMERICAN CORP, SAVANNAH, GA.

(B) FALCON TWINJET, SWISS REGISTRY HB-VDD
--PILOT AUSTRIAN CIT H. NAIMER AND 3 CREW (2 SWISS,
1 AUSTRIAN)
--NOVEMBER 2, FROM KINSHASA TO BEIRA (TECHNICAL STOP)
TO GABORONE
--PURPOSE: PILOT/OWNER ON BUSINESS TRIP
--AIR CHARTER A.G., NUVOLA BIANCA, ASCONA, SWITZERLAND

3. ACTION: DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FIRST
ASCERTAINING WHETHER ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE THROUGH
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. EMBASSY SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GENTLY
PERSUADE GPRM THAT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FOR CIVIL
FLIGHTS ARE CONTRARY TO CUSTOMARY ICAO PRACTICES,
UNNECESSARY BURDEN ON OPERATOR, AND CAN BE PARTICULARLY
BURDENSOME ON EMBASSY AND MFA. WE DO NOT WISH EMBASSY
TO PLACE ITSELF IN THE POSITION OF REQUESTING THESE
FLIGHTS, UNLESS THE REQUIREMENT FOR DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS
IS UNAVOIDABLE. WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE EMBASSY
ADVISE US IN THAT CASE, WITHOUT SUBMITTING ANY FORMAL
REQUESTS. ROBINSON

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